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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON REPORTED DISTURBANCES IN ZAIRE

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FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN:

QUOTE QUESTION: INTERNATIONAL RADIO NEWSCASTS, INCLUDING
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2. REPORTS ON TSHOMBE INTERVIEW HAVE NOT APPEARED IN AMERICAN PRESS AS YET TO OUR KNOWLEDGE AND QUESTION DID NOT ARISE AT NOON BRIEFING YESTERDAY OR TODAY.

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